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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Alexi A. Karve, et al.  
Serial Number : 10/731,535  
Filing Date : December 9, 2003  
Examiner : Olubusola Omosewo  
Group Art Unit : 2168  
For : METHOD AND APPARATUS TO MODEL  
ASSOCIATIONS WITH BITSETS WITHIN A  
DATABASE TO PROCESS QUERIES

TO: The Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Post Office Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants have determined via *Public Pairs* that the above-identified application was abandoned on June 29, 2007 for failure to respond to an Advisory Action letter dated April 6, 2007. The Advisory Letter states that the response to the November 20, 2006 Final Office Action ("the Response") filed by Applicants on March 17, 2007 would not be entered as it raised new issues that would have to be searched. The Notice of Abandonment letter states that Applicants failed to make a proper reply to the Advisory Action.

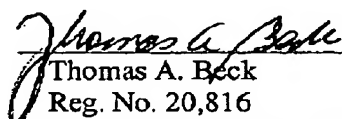
Contrary to the assertion of the Patent Office, Applicants did file a response via the U.S. Postal Service on May 20, 2007 by virtue of their submission of an RCE requesting that the Response be entered. A copy of the *Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal* filed on this case on May 20, 2007 is submitted herewith along with a copy of a stamped postcard receipt.

The stamped postcard receipt indicates the RCE was not received promptly after mailing, as the delay was in excess of one month's time from the date of mailing. Applicants' attorney personally mailed the RCE request from the U.S. Post Office branch in Glendale, AZ addressed properly to the USPTO. Applicants' attorney, the undersigned, knows no reason why the transmittal of the RCE paper took so long to be received by the USPTO. However, a response was in fact filed in this case.

The Commissioner is respectfully requested to withdraw the holding of abandonment in this application, and enter the Response for further examination as to patentability.

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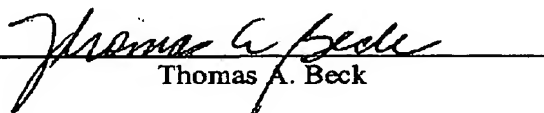
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Art Unit	2168
Examiner Name	OKOSEW D
Attorney Docket Number	YOR 20030616US1

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
 ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☐ Enclosed

- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply  
 ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)  
 iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
 iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required).  
 b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees**

The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, any underpayment of fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0510. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)  
 ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☒ Other Request extension for 2-3 mos charge Dep. Sect 02-1651

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

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**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

Signature	<i>Thomas A. Beck</i>	Date	May 19, 2007
Name (Print/Type)	THOMAS A. BECK	Registration No.	20,816

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Signature	<i>Thomas A. Beck</i>	Date	May 20, 2007
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